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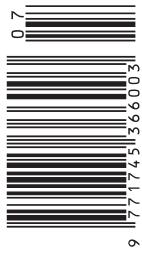


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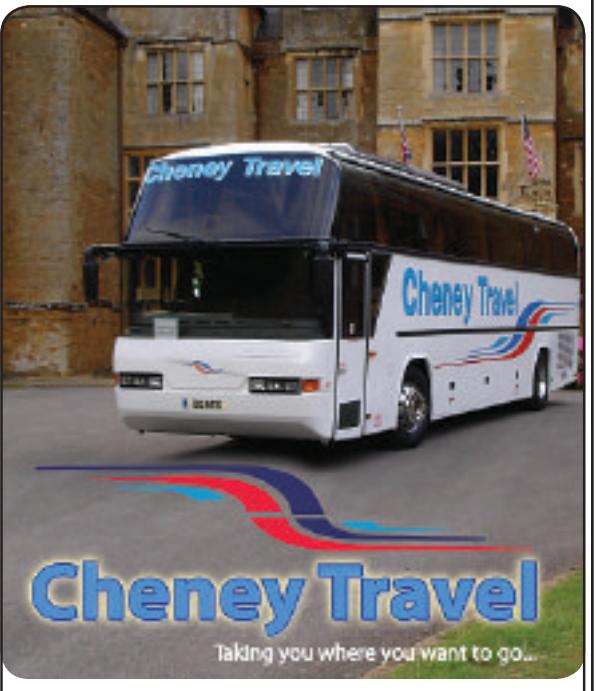
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# COUNCIL ACTS OVER EYESORE

By Jamie Brooks

COUNCIL bosses want to buy an "eyesore" former hotel and offices in Banbury town centre, give it a facelift and turn it into housing.

To force the issue, Cherwell District Council has applied for a compulsory purchase order to buy the boarded-up Crown House, in Bridge Street, and then convert it into 33 affordable flats.

It said it had to act, after failing to reach a deal with owner Slighte Limited.

## Compulsory purchase bid to turn building into homes

The council's lead member for Banbury Brighter Futures, John Donaldson, said: "It is a real eyesore. It has been like that for 20-odd years.

"We have had problems with rough sleepers in the building for a while. It is just falling into disrepair."

Mr Donaldson said it was a "shame" the council had felt the need for a compulsory purchase order. He refused to give the

cost of the action – because of commercial confidentiality.

He added: "We want to make best use of it and turn it into something useable. And social housing is in demand at the moment."

The council is under massive pressure to provide more social housing and recently cut its 4,000-applicant-long waiting list by 2,800.

It said those who had been

removed from the list had had "little or no chance" of getting a council home. Crown House was previously owned by Hunt Edmonds Brewery and was last used as offices.

Bower and Bailey, agents for the owners, had yet to comment at the time of going to press.

Banbury Civic Society chairman Rob Kinchin-Smith welcomed the move.

He said: "It is good to see the council taking action to create some much-needed housing.

"Everybody will be pleased to see the building put back into use, even though it is not an architectural gem.

"It is even more horrendously ugly at the moment, with pigeons flying in and out."

He said: "It is interesting to see the council is going to invest in housing.

"Previously there had been proposals to knock down Crown House and build another shopping centre on the site.

"I don't think Banbury needs yet another large retail centre. The council's latest plan seems like a reasonable use of the building."

Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Eric Pickles will make a decision on the order.

If granted, the scheme – for one- and two-bedroom flats – will need planning permission for a 2014 start.



John Donaldson pictured outside the derelict building  
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# Motorists cope with extreme driving conditions as the big freeze continues

# Snow brings more chaos

**SNOW, ice and floods caused extreme driving conditions for motorists in Oxfordshire on Monday.**

The extreme weather was blamed for a string of crashes, jackknifed lorries and worsening potholes.

And forecasters warned the cold snap was not over yet.

The worst delays on Monday were caused by two lorries which crashed on the A34 at the Peartree Interchange at 2.30am.

The northbound carriageway was closed until 8am while the wreckage was cleared.

The A4260 Oxford Road, in Kidlington, also closed in both directions when a lorry jackknifed on the Sainsbury's roundabout at Frieze Way and Bicester Road.

It closed at around 4.30am but the problem was cleared by mid morning.

One lane of the M40 was also closed for a short time in the morning for emergency pothole repairs.

Work was carried out on the southbound carriageway between Junction Seven for Thame and Junction Six for Watlington.

Snow ploughs were hard at work on the A420 in Cumnor in the morning

**By Jamie Brooks**

trying to clear a path for traffic.

On the buses, Stagecoach also had to adjust several of its morning services due to snow.

Buses serving Charlbury, Stonesfield, Fawler, Combe, New Yatt and Duns Tew were all affected.

As the snow turned to slush and rain, ten of Oxfordshire's waterways were put on flood alert.

While the River Thames was rising, the Environment Agency was not anticipating major concerns this week.

Spokeswoman Hayley Willoughby said: "The River Thames is rising slowly but we are not expecting flood warnings.

"We are expecting a bit more rain but it will be minimal.

"We will continue monitoring the Thames as it responds."

Meanwhile, motorists driving through Farmoor faced five-inch-deep flood water on Oxford Road in both directions.

Steve Harrison, owner of Botley Windscreens in Cumnor Road, Farmoor, said: "It was passable, you just had to give way to other traffic and



A snow plough, busy clearing a dual carriageway

not drive straight through. Traffic was absolutely fine – it was not backing up."

Weather forecasters predicted a thaw today. Sarah Holland, spokesman for the Met Office, said one centimetre of snow had fallen overnight in Oxford on Sunday night, but up to seven centimetres in Little Rissington, on the Oxfordshire/Gloucestershire border.

She said: "It was quite a short, sharp spell. However, it will remain very cold with temperatures struggling to get much above freezing."

A spokesman for Oxfordshire County Council, Marcus Mabberley, said bad weather had created potholes but he was unable to say if there were more than usual in Oxfordshire.

Mr Mabberley said: "Cold and wet

weather does obviously have an effect on roads.

"We carry out regular routine inspections of the roads we are responsible for.

"We would encourage the public to report any potholes they come across in the county to us."

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## Addict who preyed on friends

**A DRUG addict told a friend that marks on his arms were from cancer treatment – to con him out of treasured gold rings.**

Mark Weaver, 42 told friend-of-30-years David Robertson that he was dying of cancer and only had 12 months to live.

A judge was told he showed him marks on his arm, caused by repeated use of heroin, saying they were symptoms of his illness.

He first asked for £20 to travel to hospital in London.

Then, on September 24, he arrived in the middle of the night, saying he needed to use the bathroom.

When Mr Robertson's back was turned, he took three gold rings, worth £450, one of which had great sentimental value to

its owner. Weaver pleaded guilty to four counts of theft and two counts of fraud, all involving people described as "extremely vulnerable" at Oxford Crown Court.

Weaver, of The High Furlong, Banbury, preyed on those he knew well or had met recently and won their trust by telling lies, a judge was told.

Weaver also convinced 78-year-old Pamela Timberlake, who he had recently met, to pay him £175 to paint her house and fix her TV.

Weaver marched her to a cashpoint on October 22 and got her to hand over the money but never even started the work.

He called on acquaintance Roy Burrow at home on August

18 and told him he needed to borrow his BlackBerry mobile phone, which he then stole.

Trevor Lampitt was also convinced to hand over £21 on September 22 and Andrew Johnston's BlackBerry was taken from his house on August 12.

Defending Weaver, Graham Bennett said his client had been in the grip of a heroin addiction since the end of 2011.

He said: "These were all people who were known to the defendant in one way or another, as acquaintances or as friends.

"The way the theft took place shows a breach of trust between the defendant and the victim.

"Mr Weaver, looking back,

hangs his head in shame at what he did by breaching trust between the two parties."

Judge Thomas Corrie sentenced him to nine months, suspended for 12 months, for each count to run concurrently.

He also imposed a 12-month supervision requirement and six-month drug rehabilitation course.

He said: "Although the amounts of money were not large, the impact on the victims has been very significant and distressing.

"All of them were known to you and known to you to be vulnerable.

"It is a horrid catalogue of shabby betrayal of people who knew and trusted you, but you exploited."

## Sir Tony calls for hospitals clarity

**BANBURY MP Sir Tony Baldry has said public confusion over what services hospitals can offer could present a risk to life.**

During a debate on emergency services in Parliament last week he called for national standards to be introduced to give clarity.

The North Oxfordshire MP said: "We need total clarity about what people can expect from major trauma units, and what is meant by the terms 'accident and emergency department', 'urgent care centre' and 'major injuries unit'.

"We could then be confident about the protocols that the ambulance services use – when they are dealing with major incidents – and patients would then



Sir Tony Baldry  
know when it would be more appropriate for them to be directed to the major trauma units.

"People would also be clearer about when they ought not to be bothering the accident and emergency department at all, but should really be going to see their GP."

He also said the Horton General hospital in Banbury should not be treated as an out-of-hours GP service.

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## Man is sent to prison after raids on shops

ANDREW Marshall, 27, of Samuelson Court, Banbury, admitted stealing an electric toothbrush and beauty products worth £75 from Wilkinsons in Bridge Street, Banbury, while subject to a six-month suspended sentence.

Appearing before Banbury Magistrates, he was given 24-week prison sentence.

He also admitted to the court that he stole food and alcohol worth £533.27 from the Co-operative Store in Chipping Norton on December 24 last year.

He was given a consecutive six-week prison sentence for this offence



## Banking boss gets bonus of £800,000

THE Banbury-based boss of the taxpayer-funded Royal Bank of Scotland will be paid a bonus of almost £800,000 just weeks after his bank was fined £391m for rate-rigging.

Chief executive Stephen Hester – who owns the 350-acre Broughton Grange estate near Banbury – will be given about £780,000 in shares next month as part of a reward scheme for his performance in 2010.

Mr Hester said last week he would stay to "finish the job" at the bank, despite damning evidence from US and UK authorities over its role in the Libor scandal.

The bank said 21 staff were involved in attempting to manipulate interbank lending rates from 2006 to as recently as November 2010.

## Photographer walks free

A NEWSPAPER photographer has escaped punishment after taking pictures of jury members outside Oxford Crown Court.

Lucy Ford, of Smith Street, Warwick, was working for the *Banbury Guardian* and was hauled into court by Judge Ian Pringle to explain her actions.

The 34-year-old said she accidentally took pictures of two jury members and then asked them to identify a photo of a defendant.

Judge Pringle said there was potential this could have intimidated a juror, which could have been contempt of court, but he found there was no intent and so would not impose a punishment.

# ■ Landlord tells of warnings and racist taunts U-turn over mosque follows fire threats

By Tom Jennings

### A MOSQUE will not open in Chipping Norton after its landlord received threats that it would be burnt to the ground.

The town's muslim community had been celebrating after they won permission to open the permanent home on Monday of last week.

But now their 79-year-old landlord, Georg Wissinter, has received a threatening phone call and pulled out of the deal.

He said: "Someone rang up and said if you go ahead with the mosque, then it will get very hot. They were saying they would burn it down."

"I have got people in the flat above the proposed mosque. I cannot take the risk."

Mr Wissinter said he had only received one phone call but word of mouth around the town suggested the sentiment was more widespread.

He said: "There is more than one person."

Mr Wissinter, who is German, said racists had constantly accused him of being a Nazi in the 35 years he has been living in the town.

He said people had mimicked the Nazi goose step march in front of him and accused him of being a member of the SS.

Mr Wissinter said: "I did expect something to happen because of the application. But I did not expect them to want to burn it down."

The application would have seen a vacant shop in Hitchmans Mews, off West Street, converted into the mosque.

The change of use application would have seen the new mosque open from sunrise until one hour after sunset for ten-minute prayers, five times a day.

Chipping Norton's muslim community currently worships at the town hall on Fridays.

Applicant Tahirul Hasan, a Chipping Norton town councillor, said: "It is absolutely shocking. I did not expect this from our local community."

"No one has threatened me directly, but people are talking about it and the news is coming to me."

Mr Hasan said he was worried about his own safety, especially as he is a taxi driver who receives late call-outs to remote locations.

He added: "I am not only working for the muslim community, I am working for the local community."

"I have lived here for 24 years and I am a councillor and a member of the Neighbourhood Action Group."

Mr Hasan said he was talking to the muslim community to decide what to do next.

West Oxfordshire District Council, which granted planning permission for the mosque, received 28 letters of objections to the scheme and two in support.

But some of the comments were edited out of the agenda for the meeting by planning officers due to their "prejudiced" nature.

One objector said: "Chipping Norton is the quintessential English market town and as such it is attractive to tourists and visitors and most who live here."

"I would wish this English character to be preserved."

Another objector said: "I think Chipping Norton is totally unsuitable for a mosque in the middle of a small market town. It will totally spoil the place."

Police spokesman Craig Evry said: "Thames Valley Police is investigating a phone call made to a premises in Chipping Norton between February 2 and 4, which was alleged to be threatening in nature."

"No formal complaint has been made to police but the incident is being treated as a potential criminal offence and is being investigated."



Hitchmans Mews, off West Street, Chipping Norton

## InBRIEF

### Jury's not guilty verdict

■ A MAN has been cleared of child sex abuse and rape at Oxford Crown Court. David Manning, of Forgeway, Banbury, was cleared of two counts of sexual abuse and eight counts of rape, relating to a child who cannot be named for legal reasons. The 45-year-old was also cleared of two counts of sexually abusing another child, who also cannot be named. On Friday a jury found him not guilty of the charges, which were alleged to have taken place between 2009 and 2011. Mr Manning broke down in the dock as the verdict was read out.

### The next step

■ LEADERS are being sought for a new running group set up by Cherwell District Council. The council set up Banbury Soles as part of its Run England project in April and it has attracted 60 runners, who are led by a qualified leader. For information email recreation.development@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or call 01295 221723. For information on the group email sarah@banburysoles.co.uk

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# Dad prepares for OX5 event after hospital cares for his daughter

# It's charity pay-back for grateful father Richard



Richard Chinn plans to run the OX5 to raise charity cash after his daughter, Lily, was cared for by the Oxford Children's Hospital

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A DAD is thanking staff at the Oxford Children's hospital, who went the extra mile to take care of his baby, by taking on five extra miles himself.

Richard Chinn has signed up for next month's OX5 run when he heard that it raises cash for the Headington hospital.

The 11th annual run will be held at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, on Sunday, March 10.

The hospital cared for daughter Lily, now three, who was born with a cleft palette.

Mr Chinn, 38, from Banbury, said: "We knew nothing about clefts at the time, so it was a shock. But the day after she was born, there was someone there to talk to and help us out."

"The main problem was feeding. Babies usually suck on a bottle for milk but because there was a hole in the top of her mouth, she couldn't drink in the normal way."

"So we had to use special bottles, which was a bit difficult at first."

"Then she had an operation to close the gap when she reached eight months, so she didn't fall behind with her speech. She's three now and she is really good."

By Katriona Ormiston

Staff also helped her with speech therapy by visiting her school to watch how she was communicating with fellow toddlers.

Software engineer Mr Chinn is married to Ruth, 37. The couple have two children, Lily, three, and Jessica, two.

OX5 Run organisers hope to beat the £60,000 raised at last year's event as more than 600 runners have already signed up.

The cash will go towards a new eye scanner for babies and children, a Pneumoscan machine – to measure lung function in children more easily – and a portable ventilator.

A more comfortable waiting area for parents with children in the high dependency unit is also being planned.

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# The 'yarn bomber' strikes yet again

As Valentine's Day approaches, love may be in the air – but in Chipping Norton yarn is everywhere else.

The town's mysterious "yarn bomber" has been helping the town celebrate a wide range of national days by decorating the area with appropriate knitted patterns.

And she has struck again as February 14 looms, this time decorating trees with lovely woollen hearts.

Chipping Norton resident Suzie Brown, 43, said: "We have been living here for five years and we have not seen her. So, it was nice to see her in action. She gave us a knitted heart."

"My son and I have often walked around the town and seen her works of art hanging here, there and everywhere. It brings a smile to our faces."

"Yarn bombing" is an American craze, which is also known as "urban knitting".

It is a form of street art that involves decorating a public space with patterns made from knitted or crocheted yarn.



The mysterious 'yarn bomber' is captured at work in Chipping Norton

# Supplier in pledge over horse meat

**FOOD suppliers have distanced themselves from claims horse meat could have been served up in Oxfordshire's schools and hospitals.**

On Monday, Carillion Plc, which serves Oxfordshire's school and hospital meals service, said it offered "solid reassurance" its food had not been contaminated.

A spokesman said: "We work closely with our suppliers to ensure the soundness of our food-supply chain."

"All our suppliers have confirmed that they have not supplied us with products or ingredients that have been sourced from any of the meat suppliers cited by the Food Standards Agency and that all meat products do not contain DNA of any

**By Mark Taylor**

species other than that declared.

"In light of potential criminal and fraudulent activity in meat trading throughout Europe, and to offer an additional level of reassurance, Carillion will independently review the testing of meat samples in line with protocols recently announced by the Food Standards Agency."

The Food Standards Agency issued a warning to headteachers and hospital chiefs on the back of a refusal from the Government to give assurance hospitals and schools would not be drawn into the national scandal.

Carillion took over the contract for supplying primary and

secondary school meals when it was outsourced by Oxfordshire County Council in July.

The council said it had no plans to look at its previous service.

A spokesman said: "There is nothing to suggest that there were any problems with our supplies at this time."

Retailer Aldi, which has a supermarket in Banbury, as well as other branches in Oxford, Bicester and Carterton, is the latest big name to take action.

It withdrew its own-brand lasagne and spaghetti bolognese products from sale on Friday.

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**InBRIEF****Town's HMV jobs 'safe'**

JOBs at two Oxfordshire HMV stores have been saved after it was revealed both will stay open. The outlets in Castle Street, Banbury, and Cornmarket Street, Oxford, were not amongst the 66 UK stores to be closed by administrators Deloitte. The music giant went into administration last month.

**Rural database**

THE Campaign to Protect Rural England – CPRE – is asking village newsletters to get in touch.

The society wants to compile a database of village newsletters and village websites so it can get in touch easily about threats to local green space.

To add your details, email [jane@cpreoxon.org.uk](mailto:jane@cpreoxon.org.uk) with the name of your village, the name of your newsletter, its editor's email address, and the village website address.

**Feedback plea**

THAMES Valley Police is looking for feedback on the force's 'Don't Get Smashed' campaign.

The comments collected from the online survey will help police plan the annual anti-drink and drug driving campaign this year.

[Visit surveymonkey.com/s/XX9G367](http://surveymonkey.com/s/XX9G367)

**Local police officer faces trial over information sale allegations**

AN Oxfordshire police officer will stand trial in July over allegations she sold personal information. Thames Valley PC Sugra Hanif, of

Bretch Hill, Banbury, is accused of obtaining or disclosing personal data and conspiracy to commit misconduct in a public office. The

26-year-old appeared at Winchester Crown Court on Tuesday of last week, along with two other people. The trio are next due to appear at

Winchester Crown Court for a plea and case management hearing on April 15, with a trial date set for July 29.

# Trains to get a £20m update for disabled



A Chiltern 75 Class 165 Turbo train

TURBO diesel trains, used by Chiltern Railways, will get better facilities for disabled passengers as part of a £20m overhaul.

New disabled-accessible toilets will be installed on all 96 of the trains, along with improved seating arrangements for passengers with reduced mobility.

The changes are being made to make sure the trains, which were built in the early 1990s, comply with new regulations stipulating that carriages must be accessible to disabled passengers by 2020.

Doors on the 75 Class 165 Turbo trains operated by Chiltern will be overhauled and repainted as part of the project.

Chiltern's trains are expected to remain in use between London Marylebone, Bicester and Banbury well into the 2020s.

Some are also likely to operate on the planned East-West rail link between Oxford, Bicester and Milton Keynes,

By William Crossley

from its opening in 2017 until 2019, when electric trains will take over. Then, most of the fleet is expected to be transferred to routes in the West Country.

Angel Trains, the company which leases the Turbos to Chiltern, has arranged for the work to be carried out by Railcare at its workshops at Wolverton, in Milton Keynes.

Kevin Tribley, Angel Trains' chief operating officer, said: "This contract demonstrates our commitment to the enhancement of our assets throughout their life. The Class 165 and 166 vehicles will be the first of Angel Trains' fleet to conform to the regulations on accessibility."

Railcare will also carry out overhauls on Chiltern's Class 168 Clubman trains, which are owned by the Porterbrook leasing company. These trains are already equipped with disabled-accessible toilets.

## Revealed: the county's Red Nose recipients

SUPPORT for victims of sexual abuse, sessions to get youngsters into basketball and almost £6m to keep a masterpiece at an Oxford museum are among county good causes which got £11.1m in Lotto cash last year.

The National Lottery has revealed where the cash went in Oxfordshire last year to 114 county projects.

Among those which benefited was Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre, which got £10,000 for a group sessions project.

Service manager Natalie Brook said the centre would probably not have been able to get funds elsewhere.

Oxford HOOPS Basketball Club got £6,160 to employ

coaches and buy kit for school sessions to introduce youngsters to the sport.

Head coach Franky Marulanda said: "It is the introduction of a new sport for them that will help them with head, eye and feet co-ordination. It also introduces an element of discipline."

"They have been responding really, really well, the heads and teachers love it. The kids seem to be having a great time."

Barracks Lane Community Garden Project got £9,610 for a herb-growing project.

Garden trustee Fiona Mullins said: "We would not have the beds without the money. They are the structural basis of the garden. The previous beds were falling apart and rotting."

It has also helped set up a link with TimeBank, a project that helps volunteers swap their time for projects, such as an hour's help for an hour in return.

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) gave £6m to the Ashmolean Museum to help keep Édouard Manet's portrait of *Mademoiselle Claus* in the UK.

It had been bought by a foreign buyer for £28.35m but an export ban stopped it going abroad, offering it instead to the Ashmolean for £7.83m.

Museum head of development Tess McCormick said the cash was "critical to the success of the museum's bid to save the picture for the nation".

She added: "Following the announcement of the HLF's lead support, the public response to the fundraising campaign was overwhelming."

All projects which got cash last year, can now enter an application for the National Lottery Awards 2013.

Actor John Barrowman, who presented last year's awards, said: "National Lottery players in Oxford should be proud of the difference they are making to people in the area."

See [nationallotteryawards.org.uk](http://nationallotteryawards.org.uk) or call 0207 293 3599.

## Voluntary group's survey

OXFORDSHIRE Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA) is conducting a survey to help it create a new website.

It hopes to give users better access to information about upcoming community events.

People are invited to take the 15-minute online survey, and be entered for the free prize draw to win a £50 donation for their chosen charity or community group.

To have your say, go to [surveymonkey.com/s/TLICustomersurvey](http://surveymonkey.com/s/TLICustomersurvey).

## Thoughts on civic budget

IEWS are being sought on Cherwell District Council's draft budget for 2013/14. Proposals include a freeze on the council's part of the council tax bill. Its budget is set to be cut back a further £800,000, to £13.9m, in the coming financial year. In 2007/08, the council had had a £23.5m turnover. To give your views, visit [tinyurl.com/bxww9rs](http://tinyurl.com/bxww9rs). For information, call 0300 0030113.



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# Sister of murder victim to speak at festival discussing good and evil

# Why I forgave killers



Marian Partington, left, and a flashback picture of her sister, Lucy

THE sister of one of the victims of serial killer Fred West will be among speakers discussing good and evil at a "faith fest".

Marian Partington will speak at The Bloxham Festival of Faith and Literature, which launches tomorrow and runs for three days.

The festival has been expanded after a successful trial in October 2011 at St Mary's Church. This year the event will be held at Bloxham School.

Its theme is "devices and desires" and seeks to explore good and evil in the media, arts and business.

Oxfordshire-born Mrs Partington will discuss the limits of forgiveness with Michael Lloyd, the chaplain at The Queen's College, Oxford.

Her 21-year-old sister was snatched from a bus stop in 1973. Her remains were found at the Gloucester home of Fred and Rosemary West in 1994.

Mrs Partington wrote to Rose West – who had been convicted of ten murders – to say she "didn't feel hostile towards her".

This year's programme at the festival will also feature former Metropolitan Police Commissioner Lord Blair in a discussion on crime as entertainment.

He will be joined on Saturday by crime writer James Runcie and Jeany Spark, who plays Linda

By Banbury reporter Oliver Evans

Wallander in the TV thriller *Wallander*.

Former Poet Laureate Sir Andrew Motion will discuss whether virtuous characters in literature are "boring" later that day.

Novelists Patrick Gale, Alex Preston and Jasper Fforde will also give talks.

The Friday-to-Sunday event will also count five bishops among its speakers, including the Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt Rev Alan Wilson.

He will discuss good and evil in the media with *Guardian* journalist Andrew Brown on Saturday.

That evening, there will be a performance by the Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance and the North Cotswold Chamber Choir.

The festival has been run with support from the Diocese of Oxford, faith festival Greenbelt and the *Church Times*.

Co-director Sarah Meyrick said: "The positive response to the first event at St Mary's in 2011 showed that there was a real appetite for a festival that would bring together faith and the arts."

She said: "We are delighted that Marian Partington is going to a speaker. She is an extraordinary person with an extraordinary story."

"It's hard for any of us to imagine what she went through – but her determination to find forgiveness is inspirational."

The festival was the idea of MP and Anglican Sir Tony Baldry. He said: "It is fantastic to see the return of the Bloxham Festival of Faith and Literature. This is a literary festival which has a theological slant and it therefore stands out from all other literary festivals."

For information visit [bloxhamfaithandliterature.co.uk](http://bloxhamfaithandliterature.co.uk)

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# Apprentices urged to join kitchen competition

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The competition, which is only open to people currently serving apprenticeships, will test their culinary skills.

Cake experts will judge the efforts based on criteria, such as taste and presentation.

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for business and communications, Nick Carter, said: "Events like this give the

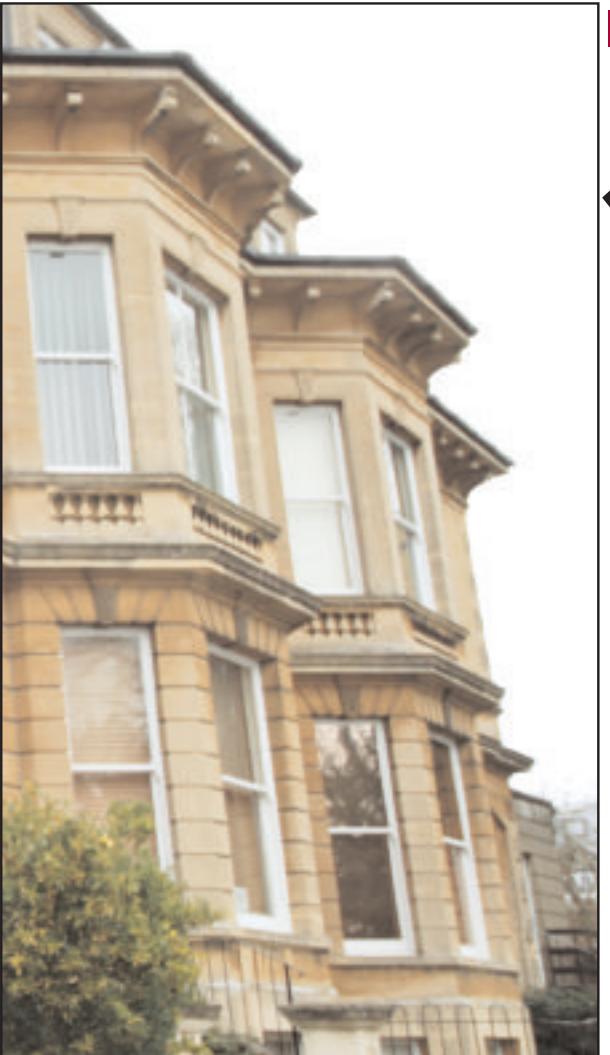
apprentices a chance to meet their peers and share experiences, and also allow them to try something outside their usual vocational work.

"The aim is to hold an enjoyable event that will also raise important funds for a worthy charity."

It is being run in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, and is modelled on the charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, which raised more than £13m in 2012.

Oxfordshire fundraising manager for Macmillan, Sara Rawnsley, said: "We hope this unique twist on the usual format will provide an opportunity for local talent to be demonstrated and give the public a spectacle to enjoy."

The bake-off will be held at County Hall, Oxford, on Monday, March 11, and is open to any apprentice who is a resident or working in Oxfordshire. Email: kerri.rook@hitraining.co.uk



Facing closure: Penhurst School, Chipping Norton

# Falling roll forces final decision Jobs to go as special school plans closure

A SCHOOL for children and young people, who are suffering from profound disabilities, is to close with the loss of nearly 140 jobs.

Action for Children confirmed that Chipping Norton's Penhurst School, which supports 13 youngsters at the moment, will shut its doors for the last time in May.

The ratio of employed staff – including teachers, teaching assistants, residential care workers and specialist therapists – is high because of the severe nature of the children's disabilities.

The charity launched a consultation with staff, families and the public about the proposed closure in October last year.

Barbara Street, Action for Children operational director of children's services, said the full range of alternatives had been considered.

She said: "We fully understand that many people will be saddened by this decision, but despite our best efforts, the school has become unsustainable.

By Tom Jennings

"Nationally, there has been an increasing move away from providing care this type of care and, instead, placing more children and young people nearer their local community.

"As a result, the number of young patients at Penhurst has been steadily falling. The school ran up a substantial deficit last year.

"Based on current projections, there will only be five children and young people at the school within two years."

She added: "We are deeply saddened to have to make this announcement.

"We would not have made this decision if we had any viable alternative."

Ms Street said the charity was working with local authorities to find alternative placements for the children. She also said Action for Children was trying to find alternative employment for the affected staff.

The school began life as an orphanage on the same site in 1904.

# Hunt for attackers after three are hurt

A FIGHT that broke out in a kebab van queue in Chipping Norton left three people in hospital.

Two men and a woman were taken to Horton General Hospital, Banbury, with serious injuries following the incident which occurred in Horse Fair at about 11.40pm on Saturday, February 2.

The two male attackers drove away from the incident in a red hatchback.

One was described as white, about 30 years old, 5ft 10in tall, of heavy build with a shaved head.

The other was also described as white, with a shaved head and of heavy build.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police on 101.

# TB testing on cattle to focus on county

OXFORDSHIRE has been added to a Government list of counties where annual testing of cattle for Bovine TB will take place.

It is part of a series of wide-ranging changes made to the way the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs carries out its surveillance of the disease.

While the change does not mean Oxfordshire is a high-risk area for Bovine TB, it does mean the county is at risk of geographic spread in the short- to medium-term.

Defra has written to farmers informing them of the changes, which mean every cow in Oxfordshire will be tested annually.

For more information, contact the local office of the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency on 01284 778150.

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## In COURT

■ **UMAR BASHIR**, 19, of Woodfield, Banbury, admitted possessing a knuckle duster in a public place on December 16 last year in a car park in Calthorpe Street, Banbury. Community order made with 100 hours of unpaid work and told to pay victims' surcharge of £60 and £85 costs.

■ **ANTHONY EDWARDS**, 41, of Southcombe Cottages, Oxford Road, Chipping Norton, admitted causing criminal damage to a security light between October 13 and October 17 last year at Chance Cottages, in Chipping Norton. Four other criminal damage offences at the same address were taken into account. Given a two-year conditional discharge for two years and told to pay £70 compensation, a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **KONSTANTINS SKVORCOVS**,

23, of Victoria Place, Banbury, admitted possessing MDMA, a Class-A drug, at The Chapel Night Club, Horse Fair, Banbury, on November 4 last year. Fined £250 and told to pay victims' surcharge of £25 and £85 costs.

■ **SIMON ELFORD**, 50, of Linacre Close, Didcot, was convicted of failing to give the identity of a driver accused of a criminal offence to police on May 5 last year in Banbury. Fined £600 and told to pay a victims' surcharge of £15 and £85 costs. Given six-month driving ban.

■ **BARNEY BLOOM**, 32, and Barry Bloom, 34, both of Rotary Way, Banbury, admitted stealing £10 of meat from an Oxfordshire Co-operative store on November 21 last year. Both given 12-month conditional discharges and told to pay £5 compensation and a £15

Verdicts from around the county's magistrates courts

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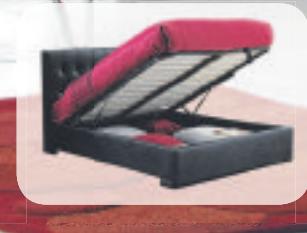
■ **PHILIP HOUGHTON**, 39, of Edmunds Road, Banbury, admitted assault by beating on Bridge Street, Banbury, on December 20 last year. Given a 24-month conditional discharge and told to pay victims' surcharge of £15.

■ **SAMANTHA MCKINNON**, 42, of Samuelson Court, Britannia Road, Banbury, admitted stealing £57 of clothing from Marks & Spencer in Bridge Street in Banbury on December 21 last year. Given community order with six-week curfew requirement and told to pay £60 victims' surcharge.

■ **JASON COFFEE**, 42, of Park Close, Hanwell, Banbury, admitted assault by beating at West Bar Street, Banbury, on July 6 last year. Fined £100 and told to pay £15 victims' surcharge and costs of £150.

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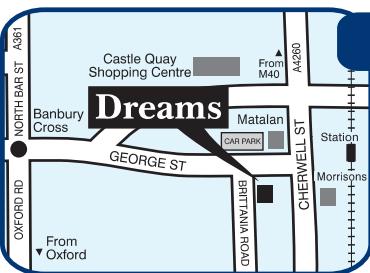


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County's ambulance service fails to meet targets for the third year running

# Anger at 999 response

**AMBULANCES are still failing to reach Oxfordshire patients within a crucial eight-minute life-saving window.**

The Government says patients with immediate life-threatening injuries must receive medical help within that timeframe at least 75 per cent of the time.

But in outlying rural areas, South Central Ambulance Service has failed to meet these targets over the past three years.

Ambulance bosses said the situation was even worst last December, when patients were only reached within eight minutes in West Oxfordshire and South Oxfordshire 52.8 per cent of the time.

Prime Minister David Cameron labelled the figures as "unacceptable". Local councillors said the service would be called in for "a grilling". But the ambulance

**By Tom Jennings**

service argued that it had received unprecedented demand last year and now plans to buy more ambulances to cope.

Mr Cameron said: "Clearly the time it takes to respond to a life-threatening event is critical and measuring response times is one important indicator towards the effectiveness of the service."

"It is not acceptable that any area, rural or otherwise, suffers a disadvantage. Poor service must be rectified as a matter of urgency."

Chipping Norton county councillor Hilary Biles said: "These are appalling figures –



and the situation has not improved at all.

"But the ambulance response times do not reflect on the paramedics. They do a fantastic job."

She said the ambulance service was putting patients' lives at risk and said more ambulances needed to be located in rural areas.

Mrs Biles had to wait 50 minutes for an ambulance about three years ago, after her doctor called one to her home in Shipton-under-Wychwood for what she said was a life-threatening emergency.

West Oxfordshire District Council has twice issued a vote of no confidence in South Central Ambulance Service over the last four years.

Councillor Louise Chapman said: "We need to get someone

from the ambulance service along for a grilling. Whether an emergency is in a rural village or a city, a life is a life."

Councillor Pete Handley said: "We are very concerned about this. This lack of performance has been going on for such a long time. It is not good enough. People who live in the rural areas are getting a raw deal."

South Central Ambulance Service said it saw "unprecedented" demand during 2012 and plans to purchase more ambulances to cope.

Across the year, demand for its ambulances rose by 13 per cent – from 17,443 incidents in 2011 to 19,759 last year.

But it failed to explain how the recent demand had affected three years of failing to meet the targets.

Operations director Steve West said: "The level of activity



**County councillor Hilary Biles**

The service has also increased overtime for front-line crews, which includes paramedics, ambulance technicians and emergency care assistants.

Mr West added: "Ambulances are deployed into West Oxfordshire every single day and the fact there is no station there makes no difference."

"It is the overall number in Oxfordshire that will enable us to prioritise that response into West Oxfordshire."

He said he did not know the cause of the rise in demand but officials were investigating it.

A Department of Health spokesman said: "When people need help, they should be able to rely on a safe, fast 24/7 ambulance service."

"We expect every ambulance trust to look at the data for their region and make improvements to ensure they are performing at the highest level."



Chris Taylor had to wait 63 minutes for an ambulance after his partner went into premature labour

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## Dad tells of birth 'nightmare'

**DAD** Chris Taylor, 24, had to deliver his twin boys after an ambulance took almost 24 minutes to arrive at their Chipping Norton home on January 21.

His 26-year-old partner, Rachel Biston, suffers with cyclical vomiting and was ill in bed when she went into labour, two weeks prematurely.

Mr Taylor was talked through delivering the twins, Alfie and Archie, on the phone by the ambulance service – but one of his sons was not breathing when he was born.

Mr Taylor added: "Archie was blue in the face when he was born. He was as good as dead."

"I didn't know what to do. I was talking to the paramedics on the phone and rubbing the baby's back and then some mucus came up and he was awake and alive.

"The ambulance should have been there – but it wasn't."

"It was a nightmare. Archie could have died."

Mr Taylor added: "They have no response around here because they do not have any ambulances based in Chipping Norton."

The ambulance service said it was called at 1.04am and dispatched the nearest ambulance, which was in Banbury. But snow and ice meant the journey took 23

minutes and 47 seconds.

The emergency was first categorised as Category B, meaning serious but not life-threatening, requiring a 19-minute response. It was not recategorised.

A further two ambulances were dispatched to the family, one from Cirencester, arriving at 2.19am, and one from Banbury, arriving at 1.37am.

Spokesman James Keating-Wilkes said: "The extremely icy and snowy weather obviously had an impact on the response times."

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The Anglo-Saxon brooch which is going on display at Banbury Museum

# Buried beauty

A RARE Anglo-Saxon brooch, which was unearthed in Oxfordshire, has gone on show in Banbury.

The piece of jewellery, found in West Hanney in 2009, has been loaned to Banbury Museum until April 27 by Oxfordshire County Council's museum service.

The brooch, which dates from the 7th century, was discovered during a metal-detecting rally in West Hanney. An excavation on the site then revealed the skeleton of a woman, thought to be aged about 25, and two small pots.

Cherwell District Council deputy leader George Reynolds said: "We're very lucky to be able to put this artefact on display at Banbury Museum.

"It's a beautiful

object of both national and local importance and follows on from similar historic displays at the museum that have proved very popular."

Museum Plus Club members will be able to attend a special viewing of the brooch and a talk from Oxfordshire Museum Service curator of archaeology Dr Christopher Ferguson next Thursday at 7.30pm.

For details of membership, email [simon.townsend@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:simon.townsend@cherwell-dc.gov.uk), or call 01295 753781.

## InBRIEF

### Cropredy festival line-up revealed

■ THE full line up for Fairport's Cropredy Convention summer folk festival has been announced. Up to 20,000 revellers are expected to attend the August 8 to 10 event. Acts include Alice Cooper, Levellers, 10CC, Fairport Convention, Nik Kershaw, Mediaeval Baebes and Danny & The Champions of the World. For tickets visit [fairportconvention.com](http://fairportconvention.com) or call 0900 6371644.

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## Eleven county schemes get the go-ahead £8m boost for flood protection

By Freddie Whittaker

HUNDREDS of homes will be protected from flooding after an £8m boost for flood defences across Oxfordshire.

Eleven new flood defence schemes have been given the go-ahead in the county, thanks to the Government cash.

The projects range from new barriers to stop homes flooding, improvements to drains and refurbishments for weirs.

Officials said the schemes, all set to begin this year, would help protect more than 400 homes in the county.

The Government had been criticised by the Labour Party for not spending enough on flood defences – but the schemes have been welcomed by many victims of previous floods.

The 11 schemes in Oxfordshire are part of a nationwide raft of 93 announced last week.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs hopes to be able to protect 164,000 homes by 2015, through flood alleviation measures worth a total of £294m.

Environment Secretary Owen Paterson said: "The 93 schemes given the green light will bring huge relief to tens of thousands of homes and businesses that have lived with the fear of flood waters hitting their doors. They can get on with their daily lives and work knowing that there are well-built defences.

"This is also a message to the business community. By building defences that will unlock the economic potential of once blighted land, we are saying to them that it is safe to come and set up. This will create jobs and grow the economy, so we can compete in the global race."

Shadow Environment Secretary Mary Creagh said: "Flooding is the biggest threat the UK faces from climate change, yet the Government will spend less on flood defences next year than Labour invested in 2008. Every £1 invested in flood defences saves £8 later and prevents untold human misery."

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# Suzanne hopes to help others who go through the agony of a stillbirth

# Mum plans a marathon as her mission

**SUZANNE Kentish was shattered when she was forced to leave the Horton Maternity Hospital empty-handed – following the stillbirth of her baby daughter.**

But now the mum-of-two is planning to run the London Marathon to fund a new service, which would give other bereaved parents treasured hand and foot casts of their lost infants.

By Debbie Waite

Three years ago this week, Mrs Kentish, from Banbury, went into the Horton to have a baby daughter. But unbeknown to her and her 39-year-old husband, Mark, their child had suffered a knot in her umbilical cord in the last days of her pregnancy, ending her life before it could begin.

Instead of leaving hospital with a new sister for their two-year-old son, Jack, the Kentishs left empty-handed and inconsolable. And the baby they called Sophie became one of the 17 infants who are stillborn or die shortly after birth in the UK each day.

Three years on from their ordeal, the Kentishs have another son, Samuel, now two – but their sense of loss for Sophie never diminishes.

So, Mrs Kentish, 38, is now preparing to run the Virgin



Suzanne and Mark Kentish with their children, Samuel, two, and five-year-old Jack

London Marathon to fund a new service which will provide free hand- and foot-castings of stillborn babies for bereaved parents.

Mrs Kentish, who is a professional photographer, said: "Sophie was stillborn at 39 weeks. It was the most difficult, heart-wrenching thing I have ever had to go through."

"We were encouraged to spend as much time as possible with her after I delivered her and we had photographs of her to take away. But nothing can ease the loss you feel of not taking your baby home with you."

"Later, I met a woman who had also lost a baby at full-term. But she had hand- and foot-casts of her baby. I envied her deeply."

"She had been given the casts at Stevenage Hospital. I looked into it, and could not find it available anywhere else. But I thought it was an amazing idea."

Mrs Kentish approached the Horton Maternity Hospital about raising money to provide a hand- and foot-casting service for other parents.

She said: "The Horton and SANDS (the stillbirth and neonatal death charity) were so supportive and helped me so much after Sophie died. I was thrilled when they were keen to

be involved. That's when I decided to do the London Marathon – to raise the money."

Mrs Kentish will be joining the 35,000 other runners taking part in the marathon on Sunday, April 21.

The Horton then hopes to use her fundraising cash to trial the hand- and foot-casting service later this spring.

Clare Pagett, the delivery suite manager at the Horton, said: "This will make a real difference to those who experience stillbirth. Suzanne's positive desire to help others is inspiring. We wish her every success with the London Marathon and would like to thank her for all she is doing."

Mrs Kentish added: "I want to do what I can to help others. There is nothing I can do to replace the loss they will have or to help them grieve any easier, but I can help them have more lasting memories of the all-to-brief time they may have with their child."

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## Sir Tony's last wish

MEDICAL students in the distant future could find themselves scalpel-deep in the body of Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry.

Sir Tony has announced he will be leaving his body to the Oxford University anatomy department.

He said: "I have a body. When I die, it's not going to be much use to me."

"On a practical level, I think you will find that anatomy students nowadays

don't find it easy to get hold of cadavers on which to practise. As I explained in the House, there is quite a lot of me on which to practise. I suspect the liver of anyone who has served more than 30 years as an MP is probably worthy of anatomical study."

"Most importantly, I would want the medical students to be able to confirm that, engraved on my heart, is the phrase 'Keep the Horton General'."

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**InBRIEF****College set for open day**

■ OXFORD and Cherwell Valley College is to hold an open day at its Bicester campus. Its Telford Road, Bicester campus will open from 4pm to 7pm on Wednesday, February 27, where staff will discuss motorsports, performance engineering and environmental technology courses.

**Waste thoughts**

■ OXFORDSHIRE County Council is asking for feedback on its household waste recycling centres in the county. Residents can comment on opening times, traffic queues and site facilities, and general comments can be left. The consultation runs until Thursday, August 1. Visit [myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk) to fill in the online survey.

**Call to gardeners**

■ VOLUNTEERS are being sought to organise an open gardens event this summer for Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust. For information contact Sarah Williamson on 0300 9990135 or email her on [sarah.williamson@tvcaa.org](mailto:sarah.williamson@tvcaa.org)

■ Land-owning charity tells of 'breach of trust'

# Hunt faces ban on land access

**MEMBERS** of the Heythrop Hunt will be denied access to National Trust land in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

The Trust has announced it has not renewed the hunt's licence to hunt on land at Chastleton, Oxfordshire, and Sherborne Park estate, Gloucestershire.

The decision comes after the hunt and members Julian Barnfield, 49, of Chipping Norton, and Richard Sumner, 68, of Salperton, admitted at Oxford Magistrates' Court a total of 12 charges of unlawful hunting with dogs.

Barnfield was fined a total of £1,000 and ordered to pay £2,000 costs and Sumner was fined a total of £1,800 and ordered to pay £2,500 costs.

Both men were also ordered to pay a £15 victims' surcharge. The Heythrop Hunt was fined a total of £4,000, costs of £15,000 and a £15 victims' surcharge.

A Trust spokesman said: "Whilst the illegal activity in this case did

not take place on land we own, we consider it to be a serious breach of trust. The conviction has given us major cause for concern about how the hunt runs its activities, which is why we will not renew the hunt's licence at the end of March."

● The Heythrop Hunt will resume hunting after vets confirmed an outbreak of equine herpes had been contained.

The hunt cancelled its meets after the virus, which can be life-threatening, was found in four horses stabled at a yard in Gloucestershire about 12 days ago.

Several members of the Heythrop Hunt keep horses at the yard.

On Friday, the hunt said: "The vets have confirmed that the equine herpes virus has been contained within one yard, so they are happy for hunting to start again.

"Please continue to be vigilant with your horses, and if in doubt, telephone your vet."

By Freddie Whittaker



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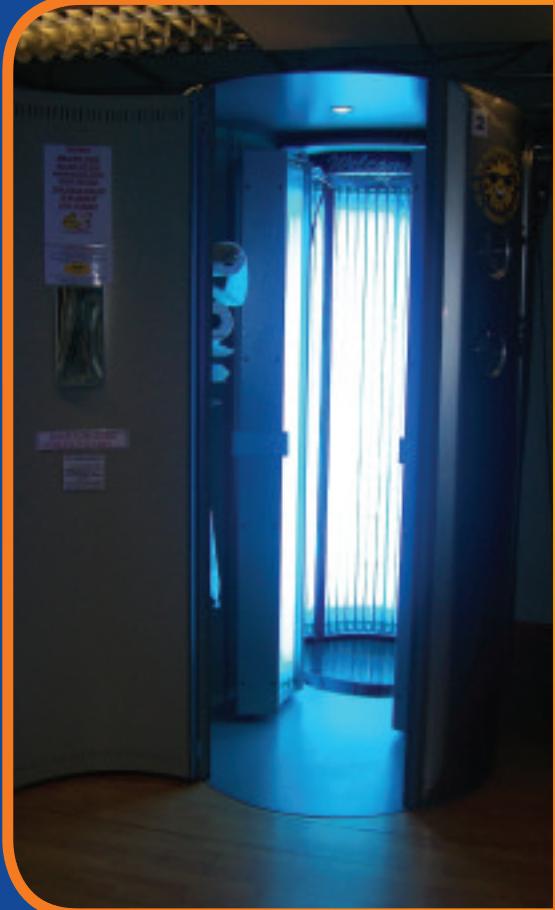
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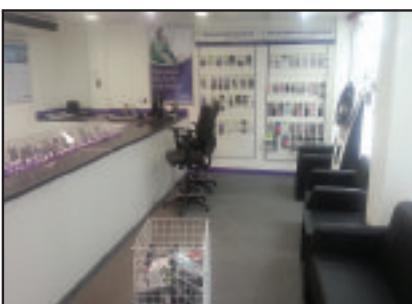
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■ 'Less people should go to prison and money diverted into monitoring'

# Judge laments the erosion of his powers

**TOO many criminals are being jailed and the Government is not doing enough to help, one of Oxfordshire's most eminent judges has said.**

His Honour Christopher Compston has stepped down from Oxford Crown Court after 12 years with a warning that people with mental health problems were being turned into criminals by a system which offered little hope of rehabilitation.

And he said that judicial powers to offer less punishing sentences were being eroded by the Ministry of Justice.

The 72-year-old, who lives in North Oxfordshire, became known on the circuit for his reluctance to jail offenders, instead offering them a chance at redemption.

He said: "There are far too many people in prison. Of those people, far too many have mental health problems. Far too many are plain inadequate. I think just to punish

**By Mark Taylor**

and do nothing to rehabilitate is folly. It is daft.

"The Government should send fewer people to prison and divert some of the prison money into monitoring and mentoring these people."

"There is a small hardcore of people who are bad and dangerous, and even evil, but most criminals are essentially inadequate. Many of them have a horribly difficult time in life."

"I feel very sorry for them, because they are so ill equipped."

Judge Compston became a circuit judge in 1986 and sat in London for 15 years before spending 12 years at Oxford.

He has sat on mental health tribunals, in family courts and in the High Court throughout his long career.

Over this time he said his belief



AT WORK: His Honour Christopher Compston

in prison-gate mentors formed.

Every prisoner released in England and Wales would have a designated helper, a friend or volunteer, to help get their life back on track.

During a farewell ceremony at Oxford Crown Court he said: "When I was appointed in 1986 I had a distant cousin. He stood up and said may I warn you about the steady erosion of judicial independence, and how right he was. Inch by inch it has been eroded."

Judge Compston was hailed by contemporaries and colleagues in law during the address.

In it a sentence he passed at Oxford Crown Court in 2011 was given as a notable example of his disdain for quickly locking criminals away.

He spared three men, two from Wallingford and one from Drayton St Leonard, jail following their attack on a thief who had robbed an autistic man.

His line "To send you to prison you will only come out worse, not better," was held up as example of his strength of character.

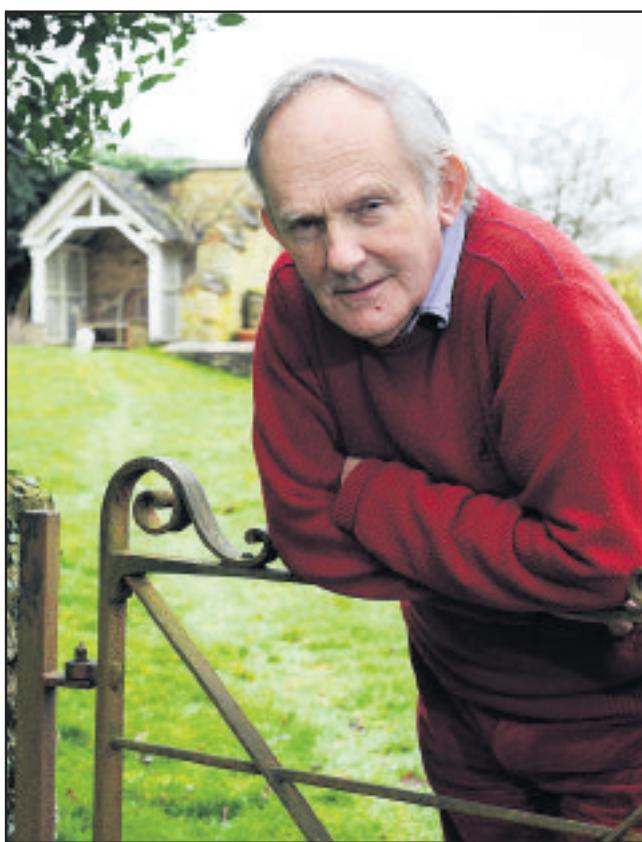
And his words were welcomed by a man who spent much of his early life in trouble with the law.

Steve Walker, a worker at the Ley Community, turned his life around after 15 years of addiction to drugs and became a published author.

The Bicester resident said: "Something different badly needs to be done to get people off the merry-go-round of prison."

"A lot of the people I met were not bad at all."

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AT HOME: Christopher Compston

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**InBRIEF****NHS views published**

■ THE group that will deliver NHS care in Oxfordshire from April has produced a review document into mental health, maternity, and elderly care in the county.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group published *Outcomes that Matter* following a meeting with 120 delegates of GPs, patients and carers, last month. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the views of patients in the three areas and establish ways in which their treatment may differ in the future. To view the document log on to [oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk](http://oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk)

**Tourism post**

■ OXFORDSHIRE'S cultural and tourism development agency is looking for a director to promote the county. The Experience Oxfordshire agency, working as Oxford Inspires and Visit Oxfordshire, needs someone to lead cultural and tourism sectors in the county. For more information go to [visitoxfordshire.org](http://visitoxfordshire.org) and email applications to Helen Morton. The closing date is March 1.

■ Company puts up householders' annual bills by £18 to £354

# Inflation-busting rise for county water rates

By Jamie Brooks

**WATER bills in Oxfordshire are to increase by an inflation-busting 5.5 per cent.**

The increase, announced by Thames Water for the 2013/14 financial year, puts the average annual bill up by £18 to £354.

Regulator Ofwat said the average household water and sewerage bill in England and Wales was forecast to increase by 3.5 per cent, or about £13, from April.

Inflation is currently three per cent, according to the Retail Prices Index.

But Thames Water's average annual bill is still slightly lower than the national average bill of £388.

Chief executive Martin Baggs said that the firm had kept the bills "as low as it could".

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## Festival ringing the changes

A succession of free live gigs kicks off next week at the Bell Inn in Adderbury for Festibell.

The launch event on Monday evening will see the return by popular demand of Gerard And The Watchmen.

The band hails from the outskirts of London and performed at last year's Cambridge Folk Festival. They are fronted by singer songwriter Dave Gerard Lawrence and play a mix of lilting non-traditional folk on an eclectic range of instruments; banjo, harp and mandolin to name but a few, all washed over with Lawrence's strong bluesy toned vocals. Gerard and co will be supported by local talent Matt Carter who is set to release his debut EP next month and is hailed as one of Festibell's top picks to keep an eye out for over the course of this year.

Festibell intends to 'ring in the best musical talents' throughout 2013 at this popular village pub.

Adderbury, renowned for its love of music and live events has been buzzing with anticipation for this new music venture since the pub

By Liz Nicholls

hosted an all-day music festival last October. The original Festibell was a huge success with feedback suggesting it might become a regular Adderbury tradition.

Landlord Hugo Edmonds was hot off the mark to ensure that the best new musical acts passing by on tour would be invited through the Bell's doors for their own feature gigs.

Festival organiser Rebecca Lee said: "Each gig night will have a new musical flavour to enjoy and we can't wait for the response."

"There will definitely have been something for everyone before the year is out! You can 'like' us on facebook to find out more Facebook.

com/festibell], or if you are a new band waiting to be discovered please leave your details as we'd love to hear from you."



■ Festibell, The Bell, Adderbury, Monday (February 18) at 8.30pm with Gerard And The Watchmen.



SUCCESS: Dave Gerard Lawrence and Jessica Moncrieff of Gerard And The Watchmen playing the original Festibell

## Universal entertainment

■ If a good giggle and top-rate entertainment is your kind of Valentine's Day treat, the first appearance in Banbury by 4 Poofs and a Piano is a date not to be missed. The four mega-talented, shimmering, camp guys play The Mill Theatre tonight for the launch gig of their 2013 comedy tour.

4 Poofs and a Piano need no introduction for Jonathan Ross Show fans; they were the resident house band for the prime-time BBC TV show for nine series.

Now they are taking their unique brand of music and comedy around the country and the Banbury show gives everyone the first chance to see the new, bigger, louder, harder, longer 4 Poofs and a Piano!

"We're back, in a whirl of pizzazz, wit and glittering charisma with a new line-up and a show that promises to be the best ever!" said original member Big Dave Wickenden.

"Joining me is the fabulous Graeme Clark who promises to bring a notable level of butch twinkle to the

proceedings and the brilliant, gorgeous Ian Lilley who will bust a move while hitting that top 'B'.

"Ian is younger than the other Poofs – considerably younger – and cute and talented – and young! This makes the other Poofs hate him a little bit already and we may decide to sell him to Angelina Jolie if he's not nappy-trained by July!"

"Last but not least, the new 4 Poofs and a Piano features the legendary Bobby Crush, whose fingers are so fast and

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# Movie that looks behind those Hitchcock scenes

**HITCHCOCK** (12A, 98 mins) Drama/Romance. Anthony Hopkins, Helen Mirren, Scarlett Johansson, Danny Huston, Toni Collette, Jessica Biel, James D'Arcy, Ralph Macchio, Michael Stuhlbarg, Michael Wincott, Kurtwood Smith. Director: Sacha Gervasi.

In a career spanning more than 50 years, London-born film-maker Alfred Hitchcock redefined the cinematic landscape with his diabolical and twisted thrillers.

Audiences screamed and cowered on cue, and Hollywood courted his enviable talents behind the camera.

Yet for all that success and public adulation, he never won an Academy Award as Best Director and had to put his personal fortune on the line to commit arguably his crowning achievement to celluloid.

Director Sacha Gervasi pays tribute to the iconic film-maker in this compelling biopic based on the book *Alfred Hitchcock And The Making Of Psycho*, by Stephen Rebello.

Adapted for the screen by John J McLaughlin, *Hitchcock* focuses on the fractious relationship between the film-maker (Sir Anthony Hopkins) and his screenwriter wife Alma Reville (Helen Mirren) during the turbulent period when the couple risked everything to self-finance "a nice, clean, nasty little piece of work" called *Psycho*.

Studios bosses balked at distributing the film and the universally-feared Motion Picture Production Code voiced its concerns about the infamous shower scene.

"The Code will absolutely not permit you to show a knife penetrating a woman's flesh," warns administrator Geoffrey Shurlock (Kurtwood Smith).

So, Hitchcock strikes a deal to shoot the film's love scene to Shurlock's exact specifications, in exchange for keeping the shower scene intact.

Alma remains a rock of support through the turmoil, and she offers valuable advice about killing off the heroine halfway through the film.

"I think it's a huge mistake," she opines. "You shouldn't wait until halfway through... Kill her off after 30 minutes!"

When principal photography eventually begins, Hitchcock nurtures an obsession with his blonde leading lady, Janet Leigh (Scarlett Johansson).

This devotion to Leigh comes at the expense of his relationship with fellow actress Vera Miles (Jessica Biel), who was once the apple of his twinkling eye.

In response, Alma entertains flattering overtures from fellow writer Whitfield Cook (Danny Huston), which fans the flames of her husband's jealousy.

Pressures on and off the set take their toll and Hitchcock is haunted by the spirit of Ed Gein (Michael Wincott) – the notorious serial killer who was the inspiration for Norman Bates.

He falls ill and Alma is forced to step in behind the cameras, galvanising the cast and crew, as studio bosses circle the project like vultures.

*Hitchcock* is a handsomely crafted portrait of tortured genius, distinguished by scintillating



Helen Mirren, as Alma Reville, and Sir Anthony Hopkins, as Alfred Hitchcock, in a scene from the film *Hitchcock*

Picture: PA Photo/20th Century Fox

performances. Mirren oozes determination and steely resolve as a trailblazer in an industry dominated by men, while Sir Anthony disappears beneath Oscar-nominated prosthetics.

His mannerisms perfectly capture the awkwardness and insecurities of a visionary who struggled with his weight.

Hopkins delivers the lip-smacking one-liners with obvious relish.

"My murders are always models of taste and discretion!" grins Hitchcock at one point.

Gervasi's picture is almost as delicious and elegant.

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### ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19

There is so much more open to you romantically than there was this time last year. So why not consider playing everything down a bit of a mystery. I know that part of you thinks you don't deserve any happiness but you're wrong Aries and confrontations you have this weekend can prove to you why you are. Phone me now to hear why you need to be careful what you text.

**0906 585 4360**

### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Don't be influenced by your past so much. There comes a time when you have to wipe the slate clean and learn to trust in people again. If not, it can make for a very bitter Libran friend. News of someone from far away gives you reason to plan a journey. Admitting your true feelings in love can save a lot of game playing. Give me a call so I can help you achieve your ambitions.

**0906 585 4366**

### TAURUS Apr 20-May 20

Make sure you adopt a slow pace with all new relationships at this time. For a sign who is usually renowned for their slow approach, you are acting decidedly out of character. News of a new opening in your career gives you reason to do some serious thinking. You've known a change was necessary for some time and this is your chance to introduce one. Ring now for a long term view.

**0906 585 4361**

### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Old ways are creating bad habits for future situations and this would be an ideal week for you to try to create new ways of dealing with the stress in your life. New faces in business know your name. Use this week to arrange meetings and confrontations with them. You can both do a lot for each other's careers. Ring now and I'll help shape your future.

**0906 585 4367**

### GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Children seem to be more prominent than usual and you may even find yourself having to make a decision for one. Remember to think outside the box. Their needs are not the same as yours. Flirtations take a turn for the serious on Thursday. Give me a ring now to hear why it's worth making family a priority at the weekend. Phone now for a full forecast.

**0906 585 4362**

### SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Don't be side-tracked from your plans by well meaning but somewhat wild friends. If you're serious about what you want to do with your life then you need to stick to your guns. An immature side to your nature on Friday could see you ruining what you've worked hard to build up. Give me a call now to hear why it's worth playing fair in business throughout this month.

**0906 585 4368**

### CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22

Be prepared to have to help and support others in their work this week. It is showing you can work as part of a team that you will be able to find a place for in your future plans. A lack of energy on Friday could see you cancelling something you'll regret, so try to get your energy reserves in before then. Phone me now to hear how Mars favours reconciliations.

**0906 585 4363**

### CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Education and schooling are prominent now and if you were thinking of going further to study then you have the backing of the stars to do so. New opportunities and findings which could turn into something more. Make sure you don't present yourself as someone you're not. You'll regret it, as your feelings start to run deeper if you do. Ring me now to make the most of this month's layout.

**0906 585 4369**

### LEO Jul 23-Aug 22

You find yourself in an array of roles this week as you adapt the character which is best suited for the faces you'll be meeting up with. Just don't put on too much of an act for new faces who could be put off by any pretence. It's the real you they'll have to fall for so make sure it's the real you they meet. Call now to hear how long distance work is lucky for you this month.

**0906 585 4364**

### AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Too much time spent absorbed has led close friends to distance themselves from you. Use the supportive aspects from Saturn this week to get back on track with them. Pick up the phone. Give them a call. Their response is sure to pleasantly surprise you. Loose talk this week about a friend's life will come back on you. Ring me now to hear where your time and energy is best spent.

**0906 585 4370**

### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You have let someone down and they haven't taken the way you've treated them very well. Rather than hide away and sulk, try to face them before Thursday and have your say. If they know the real reason you pulled out then they're likely to be far more understanding. A lost dream is given an ignition by a family member. Call now to hear how legal dealings are prominent soon.

**0906 585 4365**

### PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

Don't repeat gossip that you hear in the workplace. It is imperative that you try to remain the consummate professional over the coming days. You won't realise it yet, but you're being looked over for an impressive offer, so make your words and actions constructive ones. Dressing well on Friday does much for your career. Ring me now to expose a liar in your life.

**0906 585 4371**

## CakeWhat's on

### Music

**FRIDAY:** Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: The Roving Crows, a folk-fusion outfit, formed in early 2009 with an inexhaustible energy and unrivalled ability to connect deeply with the audience gives them real stand-alone status. The Crows fuse folk, ska, reggae and klezmer in a unique and energetic performance. 8pm. £12.

**SUNDAY:** The White Horse, 2 The Square, Kings Sutton

Banbury: Laurence. A special evening for single people with great live music from this popular local performer and if romance is in the air you can bet he'll have a suitable tune to accompany it. Soul and Motown right up to modern. 7-10.30pm. Free. 07925 154921.

### Theatre

Wykham Theatre, Banbury Academy, Ruskin Road,

**Banbury:** Until Feb 16, *Kiss Me Kate*. Audiences are in for a real treat when Banbury Operatic Society stages this glittering and exuberant show-within-a-show which really does have it all - gun-toting gangsters, sparring actors, lovers, gamblers and romantic entanglements. Music and lyrics are by Cole Porter, the score includes well-known numbers such as Another Op'nin' Another Show, So In Love, Too Darn Hot and Brush Up Your Shakespeare. £12, concession £13. 7.45pm. Box office: 01608 642350.

### Events SATURDAY

**Walk (ramblers):** Village hall (SP501196), Kirtlington. Start 10am. Leisurely five-mile circular in the area. Dogs on short leads please. 07527758788.

### SUNDAY

**Toy and train fair:** Chipping Norton School, Burford Road (A361), Chipping Norton. A collectors toy and train fair. Refreshments available. 10.30am-3pm. Admission £1, concession 50p. 01608 641870.

# CakeSport

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Banbury United striker Nabil Sharif pulls a goal back for the home side during their 4-2 defeat by Gosport Borough at Spencer Stadium on Saturday.

Picture: Ric Mellis

## Four-goal blow for Banbury

BANBURY United slipped to a home defeat in the Premier Division at Spencer Stadium on Saturday.

The home side's Chris Lait was denied by Nathan Ashmore in the Gosport goal, before the visitors went ahead through a Rory Williams penalty after Joseph N'Guessan fouled Daniel Woodward.

Five minutes later, Aaron Cook headed in Gosport's second.

Banbury clawed a goal back just before the break when Lait's pass found Nabil Sharif, who found the corner of the net from an acute angle.

However, Banbury's hopes of a revival ended shortly after the

**Banbury United** 2  
(Sharif 42, Sc Bridges pen 81)  
**Gosport Borough** 4  
(Williams pen 27, 48, 53, Cook 32)

break when Williams made it 3-1 and five minutes later, completed his treble with a strike into the top corner giving Carter no chance.

Scott Bridges's penalty, cut Gosport's lead, but it was too late.

**Banbury Utd:** Carter, Cray, Martin, Ashton, Blossom, Sc Bridges, Lait (Plowright 89), Skendi, Sharif (Hopkins 62), Isaac, N'Guessan (Talabi 62). Subs not used: R Plowright, Agyeman-Prempeh. Attendance: 223.

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# Luxurious Ampera has positive future

By David Duffy

VAUXHALL'S Paul Ames spent ten patient minutes talking me through the whys and wherefores of piloting Vauxhall's electrically-powered Ampera before letting me loose on the road.

Not that it is at all difficult to drive. Indeed that's the point. Electric cars usually come with complications and the Ampera has none, and that not only takes some explaining, but quite a little convincing.

Unlike other electric vehicles (EV), the dramatically-styled Ampera is the first that is free of electric car 'range anxiety' – a familiar feeling of dread as the miles rapidly clock down and you try to mentally calculate where you need to be to ensure you are close to a charging point when the juice runs out.

Electricity powers the wheels of the Ampera at all times, with a lithium-ion battery pack feeding a 150 horsepower electric drive unit, delivering between 25-50 miles of battery-powered electric drive and zero emissions.

But what sets the Ampera apart from other EVs on the market is its range extender, a 1.4-litre, 86 horsepower, petrol-fuelled generator produces enough electricity to power the electric motor – but not the wheels – delivering a total

driving range of up to 360 miles. There is more good news, for as well as zero vehicle excise duty, zero congestion charge and a 50 per cent reduction in company car tax, the Ampera only costs about £1 to fully charge.

The beauty of the Ampera is that because it doesn't rely on a public charging infrastructure for propulsion, it can continue to be driven normally on electric power if a charging point isn't available.

Enough about the power source, what is it like to live with? In short it is a thoroughly practical, everyday car, seating four adults in luxurious air-conditioned comfort.

It is also quiet, eerily quiet, especially when whirring around town. That presents a problem in itself as it is possible to sneak up on cyclists and pedestrians who have not a clue that you are there. To help with that a warning system has been

## Auto facts

**Model:** Vauxhall Ampera Positiv  
**Price:** £32,250 (inc £5,000 plug-in grant)  
**Insurance group:** (1-50)  
**Fuel consumption (Combined):** 235.4mpg  
**Top speed:** 100mph  
**Length:** 449.3cm/176.9in  
**Width:** 178.7cm/70.3in  
**Luggage capacity:** 1.6 cu ft  
**Fuel tank capacity:** 35.2l/7.7 gallons  
**CO<sub>2</sub> emissions:** 27g/km  
**Warranty:** 100,000 miles/ 8 years on battery pack



**EERILY QUIET:** The Ampera is thoroughly practical with space for four and luggage

installed on the left-hand steering column stalk that emits a gentle beep. Performance out of town is impressive, reaching a top speed of 100mph and accelerating from 0-60mph in just 8.7 seconds. Ride is geared towards comfort, but the Ampera handles with a surprisingly sharp edge, despite the huge and weighty battery pack that runs down the spine of the car.

Prices for the Ampera start from about £30,000. Now all we need to see is a similarly brilliant vehicle at a third of the cost and motoring in the 21st century has a truly positive future.

## Usedcarscene

### Japanese engines top reliability table

GERMAN cars are not as reliable as many people believe, according to a survey by aftermarket warranty provider Warranty Direct.

Audi, Volkswagen and BMW, including its subsidiary Mini, all performed poorly for engine failures in the past year, with Japanese engines proving by far the most reliable.

The only engines to have failed more often than Audi's in the past year were those from the now defunct MG Rover group, while Mini finished third from bottom.

BMW and Volkswagen featured seventh- and ninth-worst respectively in the powerplant scale of shame.

At the top end of the table, Japan took the plaudits as Honda and Toyota proved to be the manufacturers with the most reliable power units, while Mercedes-Benz upheld some German honour by taking third place. Warranty Direct sampled 50,000 live policies to reach the conclusions, which revealed that one in 13 MG Rover engines had big problems, while just one in 345 Honda engines had a serious issue. The engine failure rates therefore range from 7.88 per cent to 0.29 per cent.

The study also highlighted the cost of engine failures. An engine failure on a Range Rover Vogue recently led to Warranty

Direct's highest claim – £12,998.46 – while one dealer quoted £14,853.60 to repair an engine on a Range Rover Sport after it failed catastrophically.

Warranty Direct managing director Duncan McClure Fisher says: "Engine failures are the biggest fear for any motorist as they're the ones that can lead to the most astronomical costs because of the parts and hours or labour required to fix them."

"The number of failures may be low compared to areas such as axle and suspension damage but engine repairs almost always result in costs reaching the thousands for motorists who aren't covered by a warranty."

## Wheelsanddeals

■ Toyota's practical Verso MPV has gone on sale in the UK and joins the Auris hatchback to give buyers a broad choice in the competitive compact sector. A high specification means that the entry-level Active is equipped with front fog lights, air conditioning, electric front windows, hill-start assist control and, on the seven-seat version, Toyota's Easy Flat folding system for the rear seats. Prices for the range start at £17,495.

■ A NEW BMW Z4 is on the way with new styling, more equipment and a new entry-level model. A mid-life update sees mildly-revised lines mix with a familiar set of engines and trim levels. Standard equipment now includes DAB digital radio, xenon headlights, Bluetooth, USB connectivity and a multi-function steering wheel. The Z4 will go on sale next month, with prices starting at £27,610.

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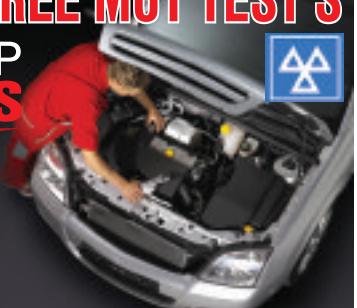
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\*Prices shown include delivery to dealer, number plates, 20% VAT, 12 months Government road fund licence and £55 first registration fee. Prices shown are Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Prices which apply to the new Dacia when ordered by 31 March 2013. Standard manufacturer warranty is 3 years/60,000 miles (whichever comes first). Option to extend this to 5 years/60,000 miles (whichever comes first) is available for a £395 charge for cash customers or £300 charge (equivalent to just £5 a month over a 5 years term) for finance customers. Standard HP Offer: cash price £8,995, customer deposit £744, 60 monthly payments of £169, Representative APR 9.9%. On all agreements a £99 arrangement fee is payable with the first monthly payment plus a £149 Option to Purchase fee.

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Dacia Duster = from £8,995\*

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Sandero shown is a Lauréate 1.2 16V 75 from £7,995. Sandero Stepway shown is a Lauréate TCe 90 from £9,795. Duster shown is a Lauréate dCi 110 4X2 from £12,995. Metallic paint optional on Sandero/Duster at £470.

